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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: TRANSGABON SPUR; SANTA CLARA AND  
OWENDO PORTS

REFS: A. LIBREVILLE 2152

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1. EMBASSY STILL UNABLE TO CONTACT OPRAG DIRECTOR DAMAS  
RE LAST TWO QUESTIOS POSED REF B, BUT, BASED ON RECENT,  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US FROM LOCAL BUSINESS SOURCES,  
WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE ACCURATE AND WOULD BE  
USEFUL FOR US FIRMS AND USDOC IN ADDIONT TO THOSE PROVIDED  
REF A.

2. THREE PROJECTS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PART OF ONE  
PACKAGE. SEPARATE PROOPSALS WILL BE SOLICITED.

3. SPECIFICS RE TRANSGABON SPUR ALREADY REPORTED IN  
LIBREVILLE 1822 AND REF A. FORMAL CALL FOR BIDS FROM FIRMS  
ON PREQUALIFIED LIST HAS NOT YET GONE OUT.

4. PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR  
SANTA CLARA PORT WERE TO HAVE BEEN READY ON OR ABOUT  
AUGUST 29 BUT WERE NOT. THEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE EARLY  
NEXT WEEK, AND WE WILL CABLE DETAILS. DEADLINE FOR  
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SUBMITTING PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS IS OCTOBER 31, 1977.  
PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE QPPARENTLY CONTAINS PROVISION  
THAT FIRM INDICATE ABILITY TO FIND FINANCING FOR  
PROJECT WITH FOUR YEAR GRACE PERIOD AND REPYAMENT OVER  
TEN YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SANTA CLARA PROJECT, NOW  
EXTIMATED AT US DOLS 400 MILLION, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO  
EIGHT SECIONS OR LOTS, ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF

TRANSGABON SPUR, EG, ONE LOT FOR LAND CLEARING AND SITE PREPARATION, ANOTHER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING, ETC. OPRAG ANTICIPATES HAVING SOME TEN TO TWELVE FIRMS ON FINAL PREQUALIFIED LIST. FORMAL CALL FOR BIDS IS EXPECTED TO GO OUT IN APRIL 1978 WITH AWARD IN LATE JUNE. CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 1, 1978.

5. OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO PREQUALIFICATION FOR OWENDO PORT EXPANSION. AS REPORTED IN LIBREVILLE 1340, INTERESTED FIRMS NEED ONLY ADDRESS LETTER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PROJECT, INCLUDING ABILITY TO FIND FINANCING, TO OPRAG DIRECTOR CLAUDE DAMAS AND ALSO TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT RAWIRI.

6. FYI: OPRAG DIRECTOR DAMAS ALLEGEDLY HAD NOT SEEN BRWON AND ROOT LETTER OF JULY 29, 1977, ALTOHGU LETTER CLEARLY MADE THAT COPY WAS BEING GIVEN TO HIM. EMBASSY HAND DELIVERED ADDITIONAL COPY LETTER TO HIS OFFICE EARLY THIS WEEK. END FYI. YATES

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